GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHILD TRAFFICKING
Nandy Shri Amitava

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been used as a gateway of child trafficking in Asia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken to prevent the use of India in such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): The Government has no such reports. However, the Government has taken certain steps to prevent cross border trafficking. A Regional Task Force has been set up for implementation of the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Women and Children for Prostitution and a draft Standard Operation Procedures(SOP) has been circulated among Member States which covers the aspect of cross border trafficking. Further, the Government of India has nominated a Nodal Officer for coordinating with the Nodal Officer of Bangladesh in matters relating to cross border trafficking.